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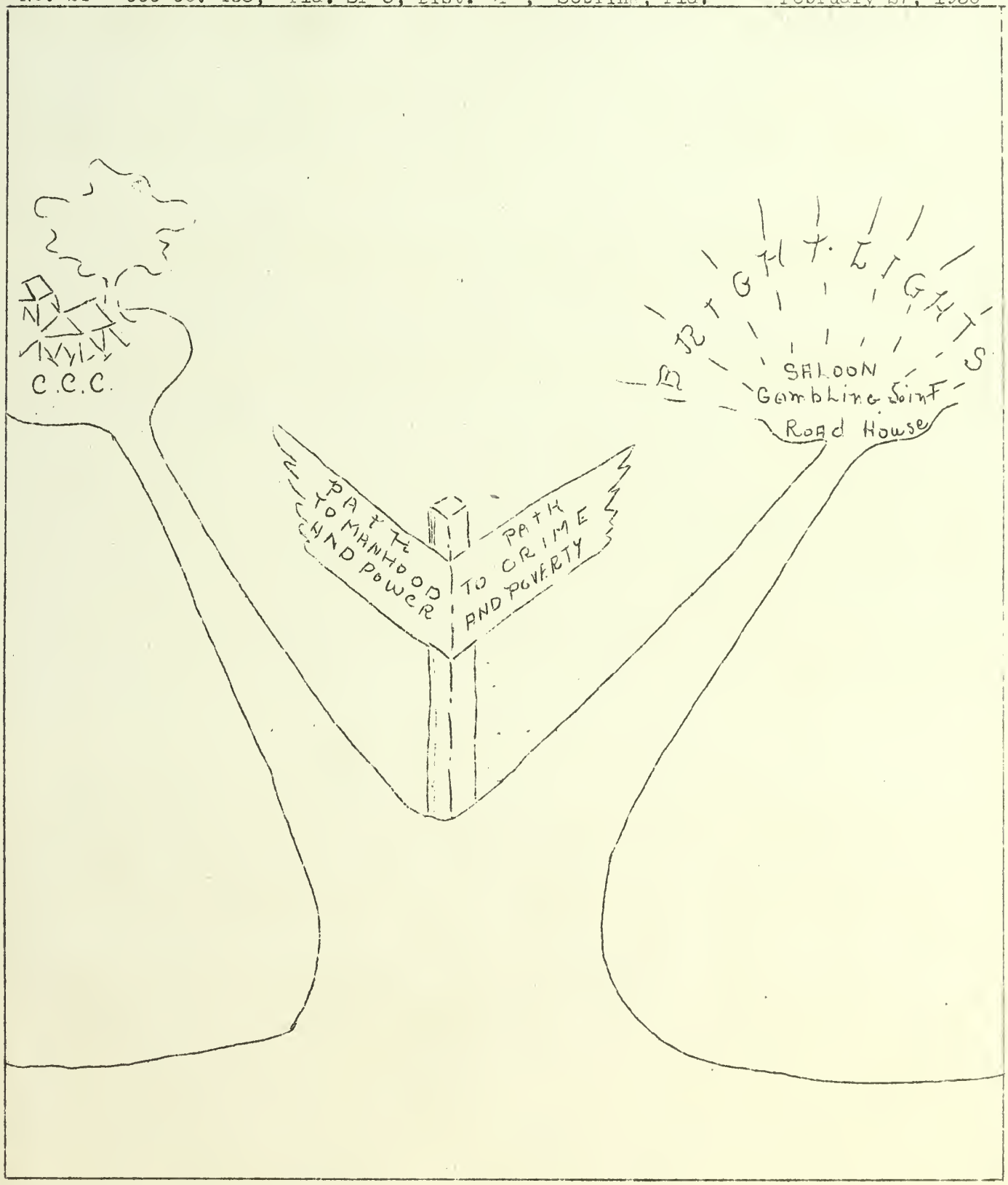

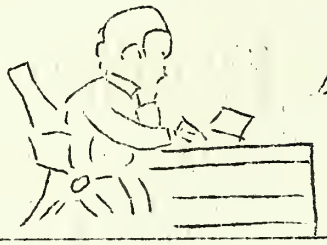

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WELCOME TO THE NEW C. O.

We welcome you to the 453rd Company, we have been given reason to believe that our camp has rated excellently in the past; and we believe that in the future it will maintain it's past high record.

Our work record is good, our location is about the best there is, and there are, taking them as a whole, a fine group of well-behaved men in the company. When the CCC movement started there were a somewhat tough bunch of boys who were a problem for any officer to handle. This necessitated some very stringent rules which worked a hadrship on the quiet and orderly element.

Captain Warren, THE ROGERS-POST and Staff will cooperate with you in any way that you see fit to make this camp a better place in which to live and a promote a better understanding between you and the members of this company.

L. A. WHITE

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A SALUTE TO LIEUT. PAYNE

We are about to lose our best friend as well as our former Commanding Officer, Lieut. John H. Payne. It was the worst news this Company could have received when Lieut. Payne received his orders, relieving him of further duty after the last of this month. Words really cannot be found nor sentences formed to express my fellings and the fellings of the Company as a whole towards Lieut. Payne, so I'm not going to try to do the impossible.

Lieut. Payne was a friend of everyone, never failing to go out of his way to help any members in need and treating all members alike, having no favorites. I had the pleasure of knowing and working under Lieut. Payne since the latter part of August and can truthfully say that he was the fairest and most considerate man I have ever worked under. All I can say is that I hope we will have the great fortune of having him with us again in the near future and wish him the greatest success in everything he may undertake later.

HENRY S. JANOWSKY

NEWS OF THE WEEK

NEW COMMANDER

Captain Leonard P. Warren, 348th. Infantry arrived in camp on February 20th and took over the duties of Commanding Officer. He takes the place of Lt. J. H. Payne.

He was borned in Vicksburg Miss., on December 31, 1904. Received his grammar and high school education in the same city. During the years 1922 to 1924 The Captain studied Commerce at Georgia Tech. He was a member of the Tech Band and Glee Club Orchestra.

During his freshman year he was 1st sergeant of the band. Captain Warren's further military career and training has been as follows; Graduate Blue course C.M.T.C., Ft. McClellan, Ala., 1924. Commissioned 2nd Lt. of infantry Reserve 1926; commissioned 1st. Lt. of inf. Reserve 1929, Commissioned Captain of Inf. - Reserve 1933 and detailed to the staff of his regiment, 348th Inf., as Intelligence Officer (S-2).

Captain Warren holds a certificate of capacity for promotion to the graed of Major, Inf. Reserve, and will receive his promotion during the spring of 1938 at which time he will continued on page 7

FORMER C. O. TO LEAVE

Leaving a record of "Excellent" and a company of men who feels like they are losing an exceptionally good officer as well as a real friend, Lieut. John H. Payne, 128th inf. former commanding officer will end his CCC tour tomorrow night at midnight. Lieut. Payne was relieved on the 20th, by Capt. L.P. Warren.

He will have completed a little over twelve months in the service, coming in on March 16, 1935.

A farewell dance is being given in his honor by the members of the company and the foresters.

Captain Hugh B. Dudley, sub district inspector, in a special interview stated that the camp has an excellent rating and praised accomplishments which the Lieut. has made. He further stated that he considered Payne as one of the outstanding officers in the district.

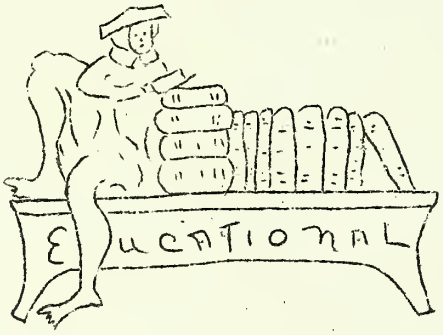
When the camp was taken over by the former commanding officer, it had a rating of "unsatisfactory".

When it was definitely learned that the Lieut. was going to leave, he was the reciptant of many letters and callers who expressed their regrets of his removal.

A letter from Lieut. Colonel J. C. Drane, Commanding Officer of district "F", of the Fourth Corps Area, remarked that it was impossible to reinstate our commanding officer due to regulations, but wished to express his appreciation for the great esteem in which Lieut. Payne was held by the boys and Park Service.

Project Superintendent A. C. Altvater, many times has stated that he has never worked in comjuction with a better commanding officer.

Many improvements have been made to the camp under Lt. Payne's command. Some of the important ones are;- By changing the location of the infirmary and the educational rooms and building on an additional room the camp has an up-to-date quarters for the lodging the sick and injured. By the present arrangement, the educational department has a class room, advisors office, library office and continued on page 7



THE CONSTITUTION

Beginning next Wednesday evening at 6:30, Mr. James Melton, coach of Sebring High School, will inaugrate a new class in the camp educational curriculum. This class is being promoted for the purpose of enlightning our minds concerning the workings of our National Constitution.

Is the Constitution old or antiquated? What relation is there between the Constitution and the Supreme Court? These and many more questions are forever cropping out in our minds in these turblent times when the Constitution is being used as the document representing American Freedom of thought and speech.

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A class in elementary French will be started next Tuesday at 6:30. Anyone wishing to take this course will sign up with Cheshire in the library.

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The first all-camp spelling match was won by Clarence Hersey, when he was able to conquer "Cincinnati". For his efforts he wins two show tickets and White Wins one ticket. There will be a spelling match every month.

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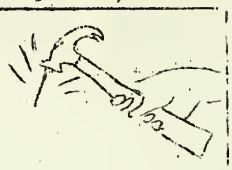
A Journalist Class is being arranged and as soon as details are worked out the announcement will be made. Efforts are being made to secure newspaper men to speak.



Hitting The Nail On The Head

We wonder when Lawton Kelly is going to get a new hat to replace that old one that he has been wearing ever since any of us knew him?

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Well now that the contest is over with we wonder what kind of a party the Greens are going to give the Reds?

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We wonder how many barracks bags are going to be stuffed down in the beds now that we are going to have a bed check every night?

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Anyone wanting to learn how to cut some fancy steps on the dance floor should have been out on the job the other day when your correspondent turned a bucket of hot lead over on his feet.

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Your are always reading or hearing about the pool tables and pool sharks at other camps, but in this camp it is carrom boards and sharks that you hear about.

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Let's conduct this coming dance in the same orderly manner that we conducted the previous one and show our new commanding officer, Captain Warren, that in giving a CCC dance one does not have to get drunk and show any disorderly conduct.

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Good luck, Lieut Payne.

SPORTS

Homer L. Cheshire

CCC MINSTREL PLANNED

A NEGRO MINSTREL, TO BE STAGED BY THE CO. 453 MEMBERS, IS BEING PLANNED. IT IS TO BE PUT ON IN SEBRING AND A SMALL ADMISSION WILL BE CHARGED. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MINSTREL IS TO RAISE FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PURCHASE BASEBALL UNIFORMS, THEREFORE ALL PROFITS REALIZED FROM THE GATE RECEIPTS WILL BE USED TO OUTFIT THE Company team on the diamond. The baseball equipment of 453 (what little there was) has greatly diminished since last season, and since it is the desire of the Company as a whole to put a well equipped, well uniformed team on the field, it is hoped that all will cooperate in making the Minstrel a great success.

Mr. W. H. "Senator" Norris has very graciously agreed to coach the members of the cast in the fine points of black face comedy so we that part is well taken care of.

Although this the first time that a thing of this sort has been undertaken in this camp it is a well known fact that there is plenty of talent with which to make this Minstrel go over in a great big way. (I MEAN BROTHER!!!)

So let's all get in behind this thing and get our baseball team some real equipment.

SPRING IS HERE

At last the weather has begun to warm up, the trees are all turning green, the birds are singing and again everyone's thoughts turn to outdoor sports.

Among these baseball has the greatest following but, some of the lesser sports have the following of a faithful few, and so with the baseball players beginning to warm up on these spring afternoons indulging in the favorite sport, it is only fair that the other boys should begin to brush up on their game. There will be a horseshoe court constructed in a few days and a tournament will be held to determine who is the champion "Barnyard Golfer" of the 453rd Company.

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MEMBERS BOX IN AVON

On the card at the weekly boxing show in the Armory last night were three men from 453rd Company. "Curly" Bell and D. L. Gamble battled to draws while Henry Miller lost a decision to Big Six, formerly of 453.

Lt. Payne's Message

As Commanding Officer of 453D. Company I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the support and cooperation I have received from all members of the Technical Staff of SP-3, the members of the 453D. Company, and the citizens of the towns of Sebring and Avon Park. I am very proud of the record that has been made and it is my fondest desire that this fine spirit of cooperation be continued under Captain Warren's administration.

I wish you to be discontented, just a little, with the progress that has been achieved so that you will continue to enlarge upon the success that has already been attained. It is absolutely necessary that you do this in order to maintain the excellent Company rating that you now have. I wish to assure you that nothing could be such good news to me as to hear very shortly that the 453D. Company of Sebring has become one of the Superior Camps of District "F".

I am particularly proud of The Rogers-Post and its THREE STAR rating in Happy Days. This rating has been made possible through the cooperation of the Members of the Company under the able direction of Adviser Boudet, Editor Barnes and his cooperative hard-working staff. I congratulate you, each and all, and attribute a considerable measure of my success as Company Commander to the good influence of The Rogers-Post.

We shall be remembered for what we did here and I am carrying away with me the memory of many pleasant anf fine experiences that I am sure will be highly valuable to me in the future.

I am sincerely wishing for the best and the finest in everything for all the officials and members of the 453D. Company and I order you to carry on the good work that has begun.

Wise-cracks

Isenhour: "Now offisher, I couldnt help going so fast. I've got a dizzy blond on my trail."
Officer: "I don't doubt it. She's bound to be dizzy if she's following your trail".

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Gal: "The whiskey this fellow sells is not harmful, is it?"
Casey: "No he says there's a money grarantee if I get married".

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Dixon: "Lacko would be alright but for one thing, where does he get that nose?"
Drew: "Into other people's business".

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Rivenbark: "I just got in one of those clip joints".
Melvin: "How much did they get out of you?"
Rivenbark: "Seventy-five cents for a haircut."

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Stephens: "There are nine men in the woods yet. Be sure and save dinner for them."
Lieut. Waters: "No, you mean that there are eight men and Roy Barnes don't you?"

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Carol: "Will your girl friend's father miss you?"
Teal: "No, he's a pretty fair shot."

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We see that Bowen has to get up and see the night watchman off.

CAPTAIN WARREN

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be eligible in points of service.

He has commanded CCC companies 1257, at Tazwell, Tenn., and 5428 at Fayetteville, Tenn.

Mrs. Warren and son Leonard Jr. are scheduled to arrive soon and join the Captain. They will make their home in Sebring on Rose Avenue.

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HEADS FIREMEN

A. C. Altvater was elected president of the Sebring Firemen Inc at the annual election of officers, last week at a meeting held in the fire hall. Mr. Altvater is Superintendent of SP-3.

He has held the office in the organization before as well as several other offices during the past 15 yrs which he has been affiliated with it.

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CONTEST ENDS

The attendance contest that has been going on between the Red and the Greens, in the regular Sunday morning services, conducted by Mrs. Kelley, has come to an end.

After 6 weeks of running, the Reds were declared winners with 156 points to 83 for the Greens. According to the rules made when the contest started, the losers will give a party.

Announcement will be made Sunday morning as to the date.

LIEUT. J. H. PAYNE

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publishing room for the camp paper.

Extensive changes has been made to the kitchen and dining room. The bath house has undergone repairs several times to keep it in first class condition. The tennis, basketball and volley ball courts have been rebuilt.

When Lieut. Payne and his company moved to this camp the general appearance was in a terrible run-down condition. Landscaping improvements have continually been going forth and soon grass will cover the entire grounds around the administration building.

Before entering the service of the Civilian Conservation Corps the Lt. was Principal of Fort Meade High School.

He is planning to return to his home in Frostproff, where his wife and two sons, Johnny and Wally, resides.

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ANDERSON TO SPEAK

Colonel Geo. Anderson, retired Salvation Army officer will be the guest speaker at the regular Sunday morning services. Mrs. Walter Kimble, who is familiar to everyone will be soloist.

Mrs. Kelley is planning special services leading up to Easter.

FAREWELL DANCE

Everything is in readiness for the farewell dance that is being given in honor of Lieut. J. H. Payne. It is made possible by the enrollees and the Foresters.

Dancing will be enjoyed in the dining room from 9 till ? or until everyone have enjoyed theirselves to the fullest extense. George's Rascils from Avon Park will furnish the music.

The Merry Makers, social club for the camp is in charge of all arrangements.

The public is invited to the affair, so they may have the oppurtunity of bidding the Lt. farewell.

Several novelity dance contests will be staged during the dance and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Weybrecht and Cheshire will be in charge.

The committees and their members are as follows: Cheshire and Barnes; finance, McBride and Cobb; refreshment, Baker, Britt, Weybrecht and Bulger; decoration.

THANKS, LIEUTANT

In behalf of the staff of THE ROGERS-POST, I wish to thank you Lieut. Payne, for the compliment paid us in your message, but our success was due solely from the fine cooperation given by you.

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